

Subpart 97.05—Notice to Mariners and Aids to Navigation

§ 97.05-1 Duty of officers.

(a) Licensed deck officers are required to acquaint themselves with the latest information published by the Coast Guard and the National Imagery and Mapping Agency regarding aids to navigation. Neglect to do so is evidence of neglect of duty. It is desirable that vessels other than motorboats shall have available in the pilothouse for convenient reference at all times a file of the applicable Notice to Mariners.

(b) Weekly Notices to Mariners (Great Lakes Edition), published by the Commander, 9th Coast Guard District, contain announcements and information on changes in aids to navigation and other marine information affecting the safety of navigation on the Great Lakes. These notices may be obtained free of charge, by making application to Commander, 9th Coast Guard District.

(c) Weekly Notices to Mariners (world-wide coverage) are prepared jointly by the National Imagery and Mapping Agency, National Ocean Service and the U.S. Coast Guard. They include changes in aids to navigation in assembled form for the 1st, 5th, 7th, Greater Antilles Section 8th, 11th, 13th, 14th, and 17th Coast Guard Districts. Foreign marine information is also included in these notices. These notices are available without charge from the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, Washington, DC 20390, Branch Oceanographic Offices, U.S. Collector of Customs of the major seaports in the United States and are also on file in the U.S. Consulates where they may be inspected.

[CGFR 66-33, 31 FR 15286, Dec. 6, 1966, as amended by CGFR 68-32, 33 FR 5720, Apr. 12, 1968; CGFR 69-116, 35 FR 6861, Apr. 30, 1970; CGD 95-072, 60 FR 50464, Sept. 29, 1995; USCG-2001-10224, 66 FR 48620, Sept. 21, 2001]

§ 97.05-5 Charts and nautical publications.

As appropriate for the intended voyage, all vessels except barges, vessels operating exclusively on rivers, and motorboats other than those certificated for ocean or coastwise route, must carry adequate and up-to-date—

- (a) Charts;
- (b) Sailing directions;
- (c) Coast pilots;
- (d) Light lists;
- (e) Notices to mariners;
- (f) Tide tables;
- (g) Current tables; and
- (h) All other nautical publications necessary.¹

[CGD 75-074, 42 FR 5964, Jan. 31, 1977]

Subpart 97.07—Notice and Reporting of Casualty and Voyage Records

§ 97.07-1 Notice and reporting of casualty and voyage records.

The requirements for providing notice and reporting of marine casualties and for retaining voyage records are contained in subpart 4.05 of this chapter.

[CGD 84-099, 52 FR 47536, Dec. 14, 1987, as amended by USCG 1998-4442, 63 FR 52191, Sept. 30, 1998]

Subpart 97.10—Persons Allowed in Pilothouse and on Navigation Bridge

§ 97.10-1 Application.

(a) The provisions of this subpart shall apply to all vessels carrying passengers.

§ 97.10-5 Persons excluded.

Masters and pilots shall exclude from the pilothouse and navigation bridge while underway, all persons not connected with the navigation of the vessel. However, licensed officers of vessels, persons regularly engaged in training, regulating, evaluating, or learning the profession of pilot, officials of the United States Coast Guard, United States Navy, National Imagery and Mapping Agency, National Ocean Service, United States Army Corps of Engineers, Maritime Administration, and National Transportation Safety Board may be allowed in the pilothouse

¹For United States vessels in or on the navigable waters of the United States, see 33 CFR 164.33.

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or upon the navigation bridge upon the responsibility of the master or pilot.

[CGD 91-023, 59 FR 16779, Apr. 8, 1994, as amended by USCG-2001-10224, 66 FR 48620, Sept. 21, 2001]

Subpart 97.11—Stability Letter

§ 97.11-1 Posting.

If a stability letter is issued under § 170.120 of this chapter, it must be posted under glass or other suitable transparent material in the pilothouse of the vessel.

[CGD 79-023, 48 FR 51008, Nov. 4, 1983]

Subpart 97.12—Cargo Stowage

§ 97.12-1 Bulk ores and similar cargoes.

(a) The owners or operators of general cargo vessels which carry bulk cargoes such as ore, ore concentrates, and similar cargoes shall furnish to the masters of such vessels guidance information pertaining to the safe stowage of such cargoes.

§ 97.12-5 Manual.

The manual on the “Stowage of Bulk Cargoes Such as Ore, Ore Concentrates, and Similar Cargoes when carried in General Cargo Vessels,” 1966,¹ printed and distributed by the National Cargo Bureau, Inc., 30 Vesey Street, New York, NY 10007-2914, is endorsed and recognized by the Coast Guard for use in compliance with the requirements of § 97.12-1(a).

[CGFR 65-50, 30 FR 17011, Dec. 30, 1965, as amended by CGFR 66-33, 31 FR 15286, Dec. 6, 1966; CGD 96-041, 61 FR 50729, Sept. 27, 1996]

Subpart 97.13—Station Bills

§ 97.13-1 Muster lists, emergency signals, and manning.

The requirements for muster lists, emergency signals, and manning must be in accordance with subchapter W

¹ Copies of this manual are on file at Coast Guard Headquarters and with the various Coast Guard District Commanders for reference purposes.

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(Lifesaving Appliances and Arrangements) of this chapter.

[CGD 84-069, 61 FR 25289, May 20, 1996]

Subpart 97.15—Tests, Drills, and Inspections

§ 97.15-1 Application.

(a) Except as specifically noted, the provisions of this subpart shall apply to all vessels other than motorboats, and to all motorboats on an international voyage. Motorboats not on an international voyage shall meet the general intent of this subpart insofar as is reasonable and practicable with the exception that the logging of information is not required.

§ 97.15-3 Steering gear, whistle, and means of communication.

(a) On all vessels making a voyage of more than 48 hours' duration, the entire steering gear, the whistle, and the means of communication between the bridge or pilothouse and the engineroom shall be examined and tested by an officer of the vessel within a period of not more than 12 hours prior to departure. On all other vessels similar examinations and tests shall be made at least once in every week.

(b) The date of the test and the condition of the equipment shall be noted in the official logbook.

§ 97.15-5 Drafts and load line markings.

(a) The master of every vessel on an ocean, coastwise, or Great Lakes voyage shall enter the drafts of the vessel, forward and aft, in the official logbook when leaving port.

(b) On vessels subject to the requirements of subchapter E (Load Lines) of this chapter at the time of departure from port on an ocean, coastwise, or Great Lakes voyage, the master shall insert in the official logbook a statement of the position of the load line mark, port and starboard, in relation to the surface of the water in which the vessel is then floating.

(1) When an allowance for draft is made for density of the water in which the vessel is floating, this density is to be noted in the official logbook.